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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

MARCH 24, 1973

FROM: SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

CORRESPONDENT JOHN GOSHKO REPORTS FROM BONN THAT CHANCELLOR BRANDT'S GOVERNMENT IS GROWING INCREASINGLY WORRIED ABOUT SIGNS OF MOUNTING ANTI-AMERICANISM IN WEST GERMANY AND ITS POTENTIAL EFFECTS ON BONN-WASHINGTON RELATIONS. THE RUMBLINGS BEGAN IN EARNEST DURING THE DECEMBER BOMBING RAIDS AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM AND HAVE BEEN FUELED BY TWO MONETARY UPHEAVALS, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT. SOURCES CLOSE TO THE CHANCELLOR SAY HE HAS BEEN DEEPLY SHOCKED AND UPSET BY THE RECENT REPORTS OF WASHINGTON'S OFFICIAL DISPLEASURE AT EVENTS IN GERMANY. BRANDT HAS CHOSEN NOT TO SNIPE BACK BUT HAS TAKEN STEPS TO PREVENT A REAL RIFT FROM DEVELOPING, INCLUDING A CAMPAIGN TO REMIND WEST GERMANS THAT GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES ARE STILL VERY MUCH IN THEIR INTEREST.

(A-1)

SOURCES SAY THAT MALCOLM CURRIE, THE VICE PRESIDENT OF AN INSTRUMENT MANUFACTURING FIRM IN CALIFORNIA IS IN LINE TO REPLACE JOHN FOSTER. ALSO, CIA'S CORD MEYER IS REPORTEDLY GOING TO BE THE NEW STATION CHIEF IN LONDON. THE SOURCES REGARD THIS AS A "KICK UPSTAIRS." (A-1)

AN EDITORIAL COMMENTS THAT BASED ON THE TESTIMONY OF THE SENATE'S INVESTIGATION OF THE ITT AFFAIR, IT WOULD BE WRONG AND UNFAIR TO ACCUSE THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION OF HAVING TO KEEP ALLENDE FROM TAKING POWER, HOWEVER, THE REST OF THE ITT STORY IN CHILE NEEDS TO BE TOLD. (A-16)

MORE THAN A WEEK AFTER THE U.S. ANNOUNCED IT WAS RESUMING ARMS SHIPMENTS TO PAKISTAN, A SMALL DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE THE U.S. EMBASSY INDICATES HOW QUICKLY INDIA HAS ASSIMILATED WHAT ONLY A FEW MONTHS AGO WOULD HAVE BEEN AN EXPLOSIVE ISSUE. U.S. EMBASSY SOURCES SAID THAT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION INTENDS TO DEAL WITH INDIA IN AN UNEMOTIONAL, PRAGMATIC MANNER, TREATING THE COUNTRY

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AS THE DOMINANT FORCE IT NOW IS ON THE SUBCONTINENT. (A-20)  
 NEW YORK TIMES  
 TERENCE SMITH WRITES ON A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT PREPARED BY THE  
 ISRAELI STATE CONTROLLER WHICH DISCLOSED THAT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS'  
 WORTH OF EQUIPMENT AND PROPERTY OF EGYPTIAN ENTERPRISES IN THE  
 SINAI WAS LOOTED BY INDIVIDUAL ISRAELIS AND CIVILIAN CONTRACTING

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CONCERNS THAT WERE ENGAGED IN VARIOUS ROAD-BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION, AND REPAIR JOBS. ACCORDING TO SMITH, RELIABLE SOURCES INDICATE THAT THE LOOTING OCCURRED IN THE MONTHS BEFORE THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED EFFECTIVE CONTROL IN THE OCCUPIED AREA. (A-1)

JOSEPH TREASTER CLAIMS THAT THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT HAS MOVED SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS AGAINST THEIR WILL IN MANY CASES AND DESPITE STRONG PROTESTS FROM U.S. OFFICIALS. AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL IN THE AREA SPECULATES THAT THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE TRYING TO OFFSET COMMUNIST EFFORTS TO REPOPULATE NORTH-WESTERN KONTUM PROVINCE. (A-2)

GENERAL SIRIK MATAK'S INTERVIEW WHICH WAS NOTED IN YESTERDAY'S NOON NOTES IS ON PAGE 3.

AN EDITORIAL CRITICIZES GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS' HANDLING OF THE CANAL ISSUE BEFORE THE UNSC IN PANAMA CITY AND OBSERVES THAT HIS ACTIONS WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO NEGOTIATE A NEW TREATY CAPABLE OF WINNING U.S. SENATE APPROVAL AND ALMOST CERTAINLY DAMAGED THE SECURITY COUNCIL AS WELL. (A-32)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

JAPAN'S TRADE MINISTER, YASHUHIRO NAKASONE, BRUSHED ASIDE THE PRESIDENT'S CRITICISM OF JAPANESE TRADE POLICY AND SAID THE U.S. WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR RECENT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC TROUBLES THROUGH ITS OWN ECONOMIC "DIARRHEA." SHOULD THE U.S. CONTINUE TO CRITICIZE JAPAN, HE SAID, IT WOULD BE VIEWED AS A CASE OF "FAILING TO CONTROL THE SYMPTOMS OF DIARRHEA WHILE BURDENING OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE PROCESS." (A-5)

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